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Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services: 2024

The "shopping baskets" of items used in compiling the various measures of consumer price inflation are reviewed annually. The items in the baskets change so that the measures are up to date and representative of consumer spending patterns.

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1. Main changes

- In 2024, 16 items have been added to the basket for the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) and 15 items have been removed out of a total of 744 items.
- The same changes have been made to the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) and Retail Prices Index (RPI) baskets.
- Additions include air fryers, vinyl music, gluten free bread, and edible sunflower seeds.
- Removals include hand hygiene gel, hot rotisserie cooked chicken, and bakeware.

Deputy Director of Prices Division Matt Corder talks us through the changes to the basket of goods in our Explaining the annual basket of goods, 2024 video.

2. Overview of basket update

The contents of the baskets for 2024 are summarised in <u>Annexes A and B of the accompanying dataset</u>, and the main changes from last year are discussed in this article and listed in <u>Tables 2 and 3 of the same dataset</u>.

The shopping basket

Consumer price inflation is the rate at which the prices of goods and services bought by households rise or fall. Imagine a large "shopping basket" containing those goods and services. As the prices of the various items change over time, so does the total cost of the basket. Movements in consumer price indices represent this change.

Within each calendar year, the basket contents are fixed so that changes in the indices from month to month reflect only changes in prices, and not variations in the quality and quantity of items purchased.

However, the contents of the basket and associated expenditure weights are updated annually. This is important in helping to avoid potential biases that might otherwise develop, for example, because of the development of entirely new goods and services. These procedures also help ensure that the indices reflect longer-term trends in consumer spending.

Changes to the items and associated weights are introduced in the February index each year, but prices are collected for both old and new items in January. This means that the figures for each year can be "chain linked" to form a long-run price index spanning many years. In other words, price changes between December and January are based on the old basket, while price changes between January and subsequent months are based on the new basket.

There are slightly different baskets for the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), Consumer Prices Index (CPI) and Retail Prices Index (RPI), but the vast majority of items are the same in all three.

Our <u>Consumer price indices</u>, a <u>brief guide</u>: 2017 introduces the concepts and procedures underpinning the indices. These are described in detail in our <u>Consumer Prices Indices Technical Manual</u>, 2019 and our <u>CPIH Compendium</u>.

Representative items

There are some individual goods and services where spending is so large that they merit inclusion in the baskets in their own right, such as petrol. More commonly, a sample of specific goods and services must be selected that gives a reliable measure of price movements for a range of similar items.

Several factors are considered when choosing representative items, including:

- ease of finding and pricing the product
- availability throughout the year
- amount spent on a particular item or group of items
- · variability of prices within a class
- · an analysis of the balance across the basket

The allocation of items to groups can be analysed, as in Table 1, and the balance used as a reference point for the update.

Table 1: Allocation of items to Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) divisions in 2024

		CPIH weight, February 2024 ³ (per cent)	Observed variation in price changes ¹	Representative items ² (per cent of total)
1	Food & non-alcoholic beverages	9.1	Medium	25
2	Alcohol & tobacco	3.2	Low	4
3	Clothing & footwear	4.7	High	12
4	Housing & household services	29.9	High	4
5	Furniture & household goods	5.0	Low	10
6	Health	2.1	Low	3
7	Transport	10.9	Low	7
8	Communication	1.9	Medium	2
9	Recreation & culture	11.5	High	17
10	Education	2.4	Low	1
11	Restaurants & hotels	11.7	Low	6
12	Miscellaneous goods & services	7.5	Low	10

Source: Consumer price inflation from the Office for National Statistics

Notes

- Based on an analysis of variation in price changes between the individual items chosen to represent each division in the period 2019-2023. Improvements to the analysis have been made since our Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services: 2022 article, so comparison of the latest figures should only be made with the 2023 analysis and not beyond.
- 2. These figures should be treated as providing only a broad indication of the allocation of items to the 12 CPIH divisions. For example, the sample of prices underpinning an existing item might easily be stratified in some way to form two or more distinct items; conversely, items could be merged to form a single item representing a wider, more heterogeneous, spending category. A specific example of this is the item 'UK university tuition fees'. This is classified as one item but the index takes into account prices for undergraduate, postgraduate and part-time courses. A more extreme example would be rail fares in the UK which are covered by six items but, given the transaction data underlying the series, could be stratified in many detailed ways.
- 3. The sum of the percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

This analysis cannot tell us which items should be priced, so choosing a set of items to represent each area remains a matter of judgement.

Various sources of information are used to review and update the baskets, including our Living Costs and Food Survey, market research data, trade journals and press reports. Changes in retailing are also reported by the price collectors.

The basket contents and changes between years should not be given significance beyond their purpose as representative items used in estimating consumer price changes. Additions and removals should also not be viewed as a simple indicator of increased or reduced popularity.

3. Changes to the baskets in 2024

Timing of changes

Changes to the baskets of goods and services are being introduced with the February 2024 consumer price statistics published on 20 March 2024.

Additions

Several new items have been introduced to represent specific markets where consumer spending is significant or growing and existing items may not adequately represent price changes. For example, gluten free bread has been added to reflect the increasing shelf space and range of gluten free products. Bread is thought to give the best coverage as a representative item because of its popularity among consumers. Air fryers are another addition, with consumers reportedly drawn to the energy-saving features as well as health benefits compared with conventional fryers. Spend on cooking items such as air fryers reportedly increased by over 30% between 2021 and 2022.

Edible seeds have not previously been represented in the baskets, but sunflower and pumpkin seeds have been added this year, reflecting their growing popularity. They are often seen as a healthy snack by consumers.

Some new items have been introduced to diversify the range of products collected for already established groupings. For example, rice cakes have been introduced to expand the representation of cereals, with research suggesting growing popularity as part of a healthier lifestyle. Similarly, spray oil has been added based on its shelf space and widened range, with some supermarkets releasing their own products.

Analysis of the broad balance of representative items across the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) highlighted a need to improve coverage across a range of categories, including recording media, and games, toys, and hobbies. Vinyl records have been added back into the basket for the first time in over thirty years, reflecting a resurgence in popularity. Also, a card game has been introduced to the baskets to help spread the weight of existing games and expand the range represented.

In other cases, new items are direct replacements for the same or similar products. For example, we are adding two new data storage devices: an SD card and USB stick. These replace the current portable digital storage device item. Splitting this item increases the number of price quotes collected and again improves our coverage of the recording media part of the baskets.

These direct replacements can also reflect improvements in our data and methodology. There were previously two second-hand car items in the baskets, for two-year-old and three-year-old cars, but these have been replaced by two new series for petrol and diesel second-hand cars. The new series have increased product coverage in terms of the number of price quotes used and the wider age range of vehicles, so improving the representativity of our second-hand cars index and supporting analysis using more granular data. They are also based on daily delivered, web scraped data from Auto Trader as opposed to price collection once each month and, therefore, should be more responsive to fluctuating economic activity. Our Research and developments in the transformation of UK consumer price statistics article describes the change.

A final type of addition is where price collection difficulties suggest a change would improve the coverage and quality of price series in specific areas of the baskets. This year, a home-killed pork chop or steak item replaces the existing home-killed pork chop with bone. It is hoped that widening the description will improve coverage by increasing the number of price quotes that can be collected.

In addition to reviewing the specific items, the annual update considers the types of shops or places where prices are collected. While a pre-packed salad was already in the baskets, prices were previously only collected in supermarkets. However, there is now wider availability and they can be priced in other outlets selling vegetables.

We also considered adding electric car charging at public sites to the basket but decided against for this year. We will continue to monitor it with a view to introducing it in future.

Removals

It is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times are contained. Therefore, several items have been removed in 2024.

In some cases, this reflects low or decreasing expenditure and falls in stock levels for pricing. For example, hand hygiene gel has seen a reduction in shelf space since the height of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Elsewhere, analysis suggested that there was scope to remove items from certain groupings without any significant loss of precision in estimates of overall price change. For example, draught stout has been removed from an over-represented area of the baskets. Analysis has shown that price movements are similar to draught bitter, so dropping this item should have little impact. For the same reason, bakeware (for example, a baking tray or roasting tin) has been removed, with price movements following a similar trend to prices of frying pans, which remain in the basket.

Take-away tea and take-away coffee were previously two separate items but have been merged into one take-away hot drink. Again, this aims to rebalance the baskets, reduce coverage in some areas, and free up resources to improve it in others.

Ham was also previously represented by two items where prices moved in broadly the same way. Loose cooked ham has been removed but ham will continue to be represented by a pre-packed sliced ham item.

Finally, collection issues can influence changes and, as such, a hot rotisserie cooked chicken has been dropped as some supermarkets have stopped selling this item.

Rents and owner occupiers' housing costs

As part of our transformation of consumer price statistics, improvements to the series for private rents and owner occupiers' housing costs are being introduced with the February 2024 dataset released on 20 March 2024. The improvements come from two changes to the methodology. These are the use of all available administrative data in producing the figures for the latest month and the stratification of data at a lower geographical level in the Price Index of Private Rents, the source of the data used in the consumer price inflation figures. More detail is available in our Impact analysis on transformation of UK consumer price statistics: private rents and second-hand cars article and Redevelopment of private rental prices statistics, intended methodology article.

4. Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services data

Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services

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Representative items within the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs, Consumer Prices Index and Retail Prices Index for the baskets of goods and services.

5. Cite this article

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Table 2: Additions to the baskets in 2024

CPIH/CPI Class	RPI Section	New Item	Notes
1.1.1 Bread and cereals	2102 Cereals	Rice cakes	Bread and cereals are under-represented in the baskets at present so additional items are being included to improve the overall measure of price change. Research suggests rice cakes are growing in popularity with consumers as part of a healthier lifestyle.
1.1.1 Bread and cereals	2101 Bread	Gluten free bread	New item added to reflect the increasing shelf space devoted to gluten free products. Bread is thought to give the best coverage as a representative item due to its popularity amongst consumers. Gluten free breakfast cereals are already included in the baskets and this new item will add to our coverage of the gluten free sector.
1.1.2 Meat	2107 Pork	Home killed pork chop/steak	This replaces the existing home killed pork chops with bone item. It is hoped that by widening the description to chop/steak and removing the "with bone" element, it will improve coverage and ease of collection.
1.1.5 Oils and fats	2114 Oils and fats	Spray oil	New item added to expand the range of oils and fats items in the baskets. This product type was previously unrepresented and highlights the move towards healthier cooking methods. There is evidence of growth in spray oils in terms of shelf space and widened range, with some supermarkets releasing their own products.
1.1.6 Fruit	2129 Other foods	Sunflower/pumpkin seeds	Edible seeds have not previously been represented in the baskets and have been increasing in popularity, perhaps due to the health benefits they offer, with some consumers opting for this item as opposed to more traditional snacks.

1.1.7 Vegetables including potatoes and tubers	2125 Fresh vegetables	Pre-packed salad	Pre-packed salad is an existing basket item but has previously been priced only in larger supermarkets. However, the wider availability of pre-packed salads means we can now price the item in other outlets selected for the pricing of vegetables. For technical processing reasons, this change requires a new item to be assigned replacing the previous pre-packed salad item.
3.1.2 Garments	5104 Other clothing	Women's socks	A new item added to an under-represented area of the baskets. Adding women's socks will help diversify the range of products in this class and, since they are widely available, result in a high number of price quotes, improving the overall price series for women's clothing.
5.3.1/2 Major appliances and small electric goods	4303 Electrical appliances	Air fryer	This popular new product has seen expenditure increasing as consumers are reportedly drawn to the energy-saving features as well as health benefits in comparison to conventional fryers. Spending on cooking items such as air fryers reportedly increased by over 30% between 2021 and 2022.
7.1.1B Second-hand cars	6101 Purchase of motor vehicles	Second-hand petrol car	This item has been added as a direct replacement for the existing two and three-years-old second-hand car items as part of our transformation of consumer price statistics. The new series has increased product coverage and will support improved analysis of more granular data, offering greater insights into the components driving motor vehicle inflation in the UK.
7.1.1B Second-hand cars	6101 Purchase of motor vehicles	Second-hand diesel car	This item has been added alongside the second-hand petrol car as a direct replacement for the existing two and three-years-old second-hand car items.
9.1.4 Recording media	6302 CDs and tapes	Vinyl music	Recording media is one of the most under-represented areas of the baskets. This new item has been added to reflect a resurgence in the popularity of vinyl music. Records were last in the basket in 1992.

9.1.4 Recording media	6303 Toys, photographic and sports goods	SD card	SD cards and USB sticks replace the existing portable digital storage device in one of the most under-represented areas of the baskets. Splitting the old item increases the number of price quotes collected, improving coverage of the recording media class.
9.1.4 Recording media	6303 Toys, photographic and sports goods	USB stick	SD cards and USB sticks replace the existing portable digital storage device in one of the most under-represented areas of the baskets.
9.3.1 Games, toys and hobbies	6303 Toys, photographic and sports goods	Card game	A new item added to spread the weight of games and expand the range of items in games, toys and hobbies, another of the most under-represented parts of the baskets.
9.3.4/5 Pets, related products and services	4306 Pet care	Wild bird seed	Wild bird seed was already included in the baskets but, similar to the pre-packed salad item, the collection of prices has been widened with the aim of improving our representation of the market.
11.1.1 Restaurants and cafes	2203 Take-aways and snacks	Take-away hot drink	This replaces two existing items: take-away tea and take-away coffee (latte). Restaurants and cafes is an over-represented class in our baskets and combining the two hot drink items retains the drinks but reduces the new of quotes, enabling more resource to be directed to other areas.



Table 3: Items removed from the baskets in 2024

(1. "low weighted" denotes an item with a CPIH weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2023.)

CPIH/CPI Class	RPI Section	Dropped Item	Notes
1.1.1 Bread and cereals	2102 Cereals	Popcorn	This item has been dropped due to poor coverage in terms of the relatively low numbers of quotes collected.
1.1.2 Meat	2107 Pork	Home killed pork chop with bone	This has been replaced by a new broader item which allows a chop or steak to be priced. The aim is to ease collection difficulties, giving collectors more choice when pricing the item, and thus improving the number of quotes collected.
1.1.2 Meat	2110 Other meat	Loose cooked ham	Item dropped due to poor coverage in an area of the baskets which is over-represented in terms of the number of items included. Anecdotal evidence has shown a fall in the number of butchers selling this item.
1.1.2 Meat	2109 Poultry	Hot rotisserie cooked whole chicken	Some supermarkets have moved away from hot whole chickens, instead sometimes selling smaller portions such as thighs or legs to satisfy the lunchtime food market. This has led to relatively low numbers of quotes collected.
1.1.7 Vegetables including potatoes and tubers	2125 Fresh vegetables	Pre-packed salad	This low weighted item has previously been priced in only larger supermarkets but it is now more widely available and will in future be priced in other outlets where vegetables are sold. For technical processing reasons, this change requires a new item to be assigned.
5.1.1 Furniture and furnishings	4301 Furniture	Sofa bed	Coverage is poor possibly reflecting a drop in popularity with pull-out beds possibly becoming more widespread.
5.4 Glassware, tableware, and household utensils	4304 Other household equipment	Bakeware, for example, baking tray or roasting tin	This item has been removed from an over-represented area of the baskets, where we can afford to remove items without any significant loss of precision. Bakeware has been chosen because analysis has shown that its price movements follow a similar pattern to the frying pan.

7.1.1B Second-hand cars	6101 Purchase of motor vehicles	Three-years-old second-hand petrol/diesel cars	The two existing second-hand cars items have been directly replaced by two petrol and diesel second-hand car items as part of our transformation of consumer price statistics. The new series will enable more detailed analysis based on the improved coverage of the market.
7.1.1B Second-hand cars	6101 Purchase of motor vehicles	Two-years-old second-hand petrol/diesel cars	The two existing second-hand cars items have been directly replaced by two petrol and diesel second-hand car items as part of our transformation of consumer price statistics.
9.1.4 Recording media	6303 Toys, photographic and sports goods	Portable digital storage device, for example, a memory stick	This item has been replaced by two separate items - an SD card and a USB Stick - which will increase the number of quotes collected in one of the most under-represented areas of the baskets.
9.3.4/5 Pets, related products and services	4306 Pet care	Wild bird seed	Similar to the pre-packed salad, the collection of prices for wild bird seed has been widened with the aim of improving our representation of the market. This has necessitated a new item for technical processing reasons.
11.1.1 Restaurants and cafes	3101 Beer "on sales"	Draught stout	Restaurants and hotels is one of the most over-represented areas of the baskets so items can be removed without significantly affecting overall precision. Draught stout has been chosen because price movements are very similar to draught bitter.
11.1.1 Restaurants and cafes	2203 Take-aways and snacks	Take-away tea	Take-away tea and take-away coffee have been combined into one take-away hot drink item, again reducing the number of quotes collected in an over-represented part of the baskets and freeing up resource to collect additional items elsewhere.
11.1.1 Restaurants and cafes	2203 Take-aways and snacks	Take-away coffee (latte)	Take-away tea and take-away coffee have been combined into one take-away hot drink item.
12.1.2/3 Appliances and products for personal care	5202 Chemists' goods	Hand hygiene gel	Demand for hand hygiene gel has fallen since the height of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic resulting in a reduction in the shelf space devoted to the product and its removal from the baskets.



Annex A: Consumer price indices, CPIH and CPI: representative items in 2024

01.1 Food

01.1.1 Bread and Cereals

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced

Bread rolls

Wraps/tortillas

Large wholemeal loaf

Gluten free bread

Garlic bread

Flour Rice

Pasta Dehydrated noodles/pasta

Breakfast cereals

Gluten free breakfast cereals

Sponge cakes

Pack of individual cakes

Various selected biscuits

Quiche

Hot oat cereal

Cereal bars

Crumpets

Rice cakes

Crackers

Couscous

Chilled pizza Yorkshire puddings

01.1.2 Meat

Beef

Rump steak Roasting joint Mince Frozen burgers

Lamb

Loin chops

Pork

Loin chop/steak Back bacon
Gammon Oven-ready joint

Chicken

Fresh/chilled whole chicken Fresh chicken breasts

Other Meats

Pork sausages Meat pies

Cooked meats - eg ham Fresh diced/minced turkey
Canned meats Frozen chicken nuggets

Chicken kievs Liver

Continental deli type meat Meat based snacks

01.1.3 Fish

Fresh white fish fillets Fresh salmon fillets

Canned tuna Fish fingers

Frozen prawns Frozen breaded/battered white fish

01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs

Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered

Flavoured milk Non-dairy milk drink



Fresh cream Yoghurt

Chilled pot dessert Fromage frais

Eggs Cheddar - home-produced Other regional cheeses Soft continental cheese

Parmesan Cheese spread

Powdered baby formula

01.1.5 Oils and Fats

Dairy spread/margarine Dairy free spread/margarine

Block butter Spreadable butter

Peanut butter Olive oil

Spray oil

01.1.6 Fruit

Dessert apples Bananas
Pears Lemon
Strawberries Grapes

Oranges Small oranges

Avocado pears

Kiwi fruit

Melon

Blueberries

Pineapple

Fresh fruit snacking pot

Dried fruit

Plums

Grapefruit

Blueberries

Raspberries

Frozen berries

Canned fruit

Salted/roasted peanuts Sunflower/pumpkin seeds

01.1.7 Vegetables

Loose and pre-packed potatoes - old, new and baking varieties

Prepared mashed potato

Crisps - single and multi-packs

Frozen chips

Vegetable crisps

Corn based snacksPeppersFresh tomatoesCabbageCauliflowerCarrotsMushroomsOnionsLettuceCucumbersBroccoliCourgettesSweet potatoesGreen beans

Canned pulses
Canned tomatoes
Canned tomatoes
Canned sweetcorn
Frozen pre-prepared vegetables
Vegetarian burger/grills
Vegetarian pickle
Vegetable stir fry
Meat free sausages

Pre-packed salad



01.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery

Sugar Jam Honey Ice cream

Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints

01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere covered)

Soup Ready cooked meals

Various sauces - eg tomato ketchup, mayonnaise

Dried herbs Protein powder

01.2 Non-Alcoholic Beverages

01.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Tea bags Flavoured tea
Coffee sachets Instant coffee
Coffee pods Hot chocolate drink

01.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices

Various pure fruit juices Squashes

Fruit drink Fruit/vegetable juice smoothie

Mineral water Flavoured water

Lemonade Cola

Various fizzy drinks Mixer drinks

Energy drinks

02.1 Alcoholic Beverages (Off Sales)

02.1.1 Spirits

Whisky Vodka
Brandy Rum

Gin Cream liqueur

Pre-mixed spirit drink

02.1.2 Wine

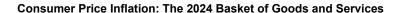
White wine Red wine
Rose wine Fortified wine
Sparkling wine Champagne

Bottled flavoured cider Canned apple cider

02.1.3 Beer

Canned lager Canned bitter
Bottled lager Canned stout

Bottled speciality beer/ale





02.2 Tobacco

Selected brand cigarettes Hand rolling tobacco

Cigars Electronic cigarette refills/liquid

03.1 Clothing

03.1.2 Garments

Men's Clothing

Coat Casual jacket

Trousers - formal, casual Formal jacket/blazer

JumperJeansVarious shirtsT shirtsLoungewear bottomsShorts

Tracksuit bottoms Branded sports sweatshirt Replica football team shirt Man's base layer top

Socks Underwear

Women's Clothing

Blouse Skirt - formal, casual
Dress Trousers - formal, casual

JeansLeggingsTopsT shirtCardiganJumperSweatshirtShorts

Coat Jacket - formal, casual Rainwear Exercise leggings

Sports bra/crop top Swimwear
Nightwear Underwear
Tights Socks

Children's Clothing

Schoolwear - trousers, skirt Fashion top
Jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan T shirt
Jeans Trousers
Jacket Girl's leggings
Infant's dress Underwear
Socks Pyjamas

Baby's sleepsuit

03.1.3 Other Clothing and Clothing Accessories

Man's tie Man's belt
Lady's scarf Cycle helmet
Hat/cap Knitting wool

03.1.4 Cleaning, Repair and Hire of Clothing

Dry-cleaning Men's clothing hire



03.2 Footwear including Repairs

Shoes - formal, school, casual and fashion Boots - formal, fashion and walking/hiking boot

Training shoes Sandals

04.1 Actual Rentals for Housing

Private furnished and unfurnished rent Local authority rent

Registered social landlord (RSL) rent

UK holiday accommodation (self-catered)

04.2 Owner Occupiers' Housing Costs (only in CPIH)

Imputed rent in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

04.3 Regular Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling

04.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair

Ready mixed filler Wallpaper

Varnish Paint - gloss/emulsion

Ceramic tiles Shower head Medium density fibreboard (MDF) Paint brush

04.3.2 Services for Maintenance and Repair

Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators

04.4 Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services for the Dwelling

04.4.1 Water Supply

Average water charges

04.4.3 Sewerage Collection

Average sewerage and environmental charges

04.5 Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

04.5.1 Electricity

Average of the electricity companies' tariffs

04.5.2 Gas

Average of the gas companies' tariffs

Butane gas

04.5.3 Liquid Fuels

Kerosene

04.5.4 Solid Fuels

Smokeless fuel



04.9 Council Tax and Rates (only in CPIH)

Average council tax bills for households in Great Britain Average rates bills for households in Northern Ireland

05.1 Furniture, Furnishings and Carpets

05.1.1 Furniture and Furnishings

Dining furniture - eg table, chairs

Bedroom furniture - eg wardrobe, bed, mattress, chest of drawers Living room furniture - eg armchair, settees, bookcase, table lamp

Kitchen furniture - various kitchen units

Office furniture - home office desk

Outdoor furniture - patio set

Baby/children's furniture - high chair

05.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings

Selected carpets Rug

Luxury vinyl tile flooring

05.2 Household Textiles

Curtains Fabric roller blind
Duvet Duvet cover
Bed sheet Towels

05.3 Household Appliances, Fitting and Repairs

05.3.1/2 Major Appliances and Small Electric Appliances

Electric cooker Gas cooker
Fridge/freezer Dishwasher
Vacuum cleaner Washing machine

Gas fire

Selected small appliances - eg iron, kettle, heater, electric fan, air fryer

05.3.3 Repair of Household Appliances

Electrical service charges Washing machine repair

05.4 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils

Kitchen equipment - pans, scissors, plastic food container

Tableware - dinner plate, cutlery set

Glassware - tumbler

Re-usable bottle/mug

Flower vase

05.5 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden

Light bulb Smart/WiFi light bulb



Battery Security/surveillance camera

Power drill Screwdriver
Lawnmower Garden spade
Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner Door handle

05.6 Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance

05.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods

Washing liquid/gel Fabric conditioner
Washing-up liquid Dishwasher tablets
Kitchen roll Aluminium foil

Household cleaner cream/liquid Antibacterial surface wipes

Bleach Bin liners

Woodscrews Clear sticky tape

05.6.2 Domestic Services and Household Services

Domestic cleaner fees Window cleaning fees

Nanny fees

06.1 Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment

06.1.1 Pharmaceutical Products

NHS prescription charges Multi-vitamins tablets

Selected medicines - indigestion tablets, pain killers, cold/flu drink powders, allergy tablets, cough

liquid

06.1.2/3 Other Medical and Therapeutic Products

Condoms Plasters

Spectacle frames with lens Contact lenses

06.2 Out-Patient Services

06.2.1/3 Medical Services and Paramedical Services

Non NHS medical services - physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine

06.2.2 Dental Services

NHS dental charges Private dental examination

06.3 Hospital Services

Hospital charges, including private surgery fees

Nursing home fees

07.1 Purchase of Vehicles

07.1.1A New Cars

New petrol/diesel cars

New electric/hybrid cars



07.1.1B Second-Hand Cars

Second-hand petrol car Second-hand diesel car

07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and Bicycles

Motorcycles Bicycles

E-bike

07.2 Operation of Personal Transport Equipment

07.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, tyres, bulbs

07.2.2 Fuels and Lubricants

Ultra low sulphur petrol Ultra low sulphur diesel

Motor oil

07.2.3 Maintenance and Repairs

Car service Labour charge for vehicle repairs

Exhaust fitting in fast fit auto centre Wheel alignment in fast fit auto centre

Roadside recovery services Car wash

07.2.4 Other Services

MOT test fees Vehicle excise duty
Driving lesson fees Driving test fees

Car park charges Airport parking charges

Self-drive car and van hire charges Road tolls

07.3 Transport Services

07.3.1 Passenger Transport by Railway

National rail fares by ticket type, for example, peak, off-peak and advance

London transport fares Other underground/metro fares

Euro Tunnel fares

07.3.2 Passenger Transport by Road

Bus fares Minicab fares
Coach fares Taxi fares

Charge for home removals Self-storage fees

07.3.3 Passenger Transport by Air

Air fares

07.3.4 Passenger Transport by Sea and Inland Waterway

Various ferry and sea fares



08.1 Postal Services

Letter handling services Parcel delivery services

08.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services

Telephone Smartphone handset
Fixed line telephone charges Mobile phone charges
Cost of directory enquiries Mobile phone applications
Subscription to the internet Mobile phone accessory

Bundled communication services Smartwatch

09.1 Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

09.1.1 Equipment for the Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures

Televisions DVD/Blu-ray disc player
Digital media player Digital (DAB) radio
Portable digital music player Portable speakers
Soundbar Headphones

09.1.2 Photographic, Cinematographic and Optical Equipment

Interchangeable lens digital camera Action camera

09.1.3 Data Processing Equipment

PCs - desktop and laptop PC peripherals
Tablet computer Computer Software

Smart speaker Printer

09.1.4 Recording Media

CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet

Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet Pre-recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet

Recordable CD Vinyl music SD card USB stick

Music downloads

09.1.5 Repair of Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

Electrical equipment repair charges - eg PC

09.2 Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture

09.2.1/2 Major Durables for In/Outdoor Recreation

Caravans Boats

Acoustic guitar Livery charges

Water sports equipment - eg windsurfing equipment



09.3 Other Recreational Items, Gardens and Pets

09.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies

Various toys - soft toys, construction toys, model cars, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational

toys

Child's scooter Child's sit and ride toy

Board game Card game

Jigsaw Computer games console
Computer game downloads Computer game accessory
Computer games, by platform, and including games purchased over the internet

Craft/hobby kits for adults and children

09.3.2 Equipment for Sport and Open-Air Recreation

Sports equipment - golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots, hand weights

Sleeping bag Barbecue

09.3.3 Gardens, Plants and Flowers

Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet

Compost Plant food

Flower delivery

09.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services

Cat and dog food, and dog treats Pet collar
Small pet - eg hamster Animal cage

Dog kennel boarding fees Annual booster injection

Wild bird seed

09.4 Recreational and Cultural Services

09.4.1 Recreational and Sporting Services

Fees for leisure evening classes Private health club/gym membership

Charges for exercise classes Swimming pool admissions

Ten-pin bowling session Golf green fees

Football match admissions Horseracing admissions

Admission to other attractions Games consoles online subscriptions

Soft play session Climbing wall session

09.4.2 Cultural Services

DVD rental/video on demand subscription services

Digital television subscriptions Rental of various types of television

Television licence Digital photo processing

Music streaming subscriptions

Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, historic monuments and other cultural events



09.5 Books, Newspapers and Stationery

09.5.1 Books

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books

eBooks

09.5.2 Newspapers and Periodicals

National daily newspapers Sunday newspapers

Provincial newspapers Periodicals

09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous Printed Matter, Stationery, Drawing Materials

Ballpoint pen Wrapping paper
Greeting card Printer paper

Inkjet cartridge

09.6 Package Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types,

including late-booked holidays

UK holidays covering a range of accommodation/holiday types but excluding self-catering

10.0 Education

Private school fees Evening classes

International student fees UK university tuition fees

11.1 Catering Services

11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes

Restaurants

Restaurant main course Restaurant sweet course

Restaurant cup of coffee Pub hot meal

In store cafeteria meal Muffin

Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips Cooked pastry based savoury snack

Burger in bun Kebab

Chicken and chips Ethnic take-away

Pizza delivery/take-away Sandwich
Cinema popcorn Crisps
Hot drink Soft drink

Beer On Sales

Draught bitter Draught/bottled cider Draught/bottled cider Draught/bottled cider

Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky



Gin Wine Mixer Liqueurs

Soft Drinks

Fizzy drinks Fruit juice

Bottled mineral water

Catering

Cost of catering for a function On board catering

11.1.2 Canteens

Staff restaurant main course Staff restaurant hot snack

School meals

11.2 Accommodation Services

Youth Hostel Association Halls of residence

Other accommodation services

12.1 Personal Care

12.1.1 Hairdressing and Personal Grooming Establishments

Hairdressing fees Basic manicure

Slimming club fees

12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care

Electrical hair straighteners/tongs Electric razor
Electric toothbrush Toothbrush
Toilet roll Tissues
Disposable nappies Baby wipes

Sanitary towels Self-tanning products

Various cosmetics - face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, lip gloss, nail varnish, body

moisturising lotion

Toiletries - toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair

colourant, hair conditioner, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap

12.3 Personal Effects (not elsewhere covered)

12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches

Watch battery replacement

Various items of personal jewellery - solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings,

fashion earrings, fashion necklace

12.3.2 Other Personal Effects

Umbrella Handbag

Luggage - trolley case Picture/photo frame
Push chair Child's car seat



12.4 Social Protection

Residential home fees In home care assistants' fees

Local authority supported residents in retirement homes

Childminder fees Nursery fees

Playgroup fees

12.5 Insurance

12.5.2 House Contents Insurance

Home contents insurance premiums

Household services maintenance policy

12.5.3 Health Insurance

Dental insurance Pet insurance

Subscriptions to private medical plans

12.5.4 Transport Insurance

Vehicle insurance Holiday insurance

12.6 Financial Services (not elsewhere covered)

12.6.2 Other Financial Services (not elsewhere covered)

Mortgage arrangement fees Various bank charges – eg for bankers draft

Money transfer fees Credit card fees
Unit trust fees and commissions Stockbrokers' fees

12.7 Other Services (not elsewhere covered)

Charges for advertisements in newspapers Solicitors' fees - including will drafting fee

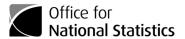
Fee for birth and death certificates Marriage licences

Passport fees Cost of basic funeral/cremation

Home delivery charges Dating agency fees

Surveyors' fee for house valuation

Trade union and professional organisation subscriptions



Annex B: Retail Prices Index (RPI): representative items in 2024

Food

Bread

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced

Gluten free bread Garlic bread Large wholemeal loaf

Bread rolls Wraps/tortillas

Cereals

Flour Rice
Pasta Couscous
Corn based snacks Cereal bars

Breakfast cereals Gluten free breakfast cereals

Hot oat cereal Rice cakes

Biscuits and Cakes

Various selected biscuits

Sponge cakes

Crumpets

Crackers

Pack of individual cakes

Beef

Rump steak Roasting joint Mince Frozen burgers

Lamb

Loin chops

Pork

Loin chop/steak

Bacon

Gammon Back

Poultry

Fresh/chilled whole chicken Fresh chicken breasts
Fresh diced/minced turkey

Other Meat

Pork sausages Cooked meats - eg ham

Meat pies Canned meats
Frozen chicken nuggets Chicken kievs



Oven-ready joint Continental deli type meat

Liver Meat based snacks

Fresh Fish

White fish fillets Salmon fillets

Frozen prawns

Processed Fish

Canned tuna Fish fingers

Frozen breaded/battered white fish

Butter

Block butter Spreadable butter

Oils and Fats

Dairy spread/margarine Dairy free spread/margarine

Peanut butter Olive oil

Spray oil

Cheese

Cheddar - home-produced Other regional cheeses

Soft continental cheese Parmesan

Cheese spread

Eggs

Eggs

Milk

Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered

Flavoured milk Non-dairy milk drink

Milk Products

Fresh cream Yoghurt
Chilled pot dessert Fromage frais

Powdered baby formula

Tea

Tea bags Flavoured tea

Coffee and Other Hot Drinks

Coffee sachets Instant coffee



Coffee pods Hot chocolate drink

Soft Drinks

Various pure fruit juices Squashes

Fruit drink Fruit/vegetable juice smoothie

Mineral water Flavoured water

Lemonade Cola

Various fizzy drinks Mixer drinks

Energy drinks

Sugar and Preserves

Sugar Jam

Honey

Sweets and Chocolates

Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints

Unprocessed Potatoes

Loose and pre-packed potatoes - old, new and baking varieties

Potato Products

Crisps - single and multi-packs Prepared mashed potato

Frozen chips

Fresh Vegetables

Fresh tomatoes Cabbage
Cauliflower Carrots
Mushrooms Onions
Lettuce Cucumbers
Courgettes Sweet potatoes

Broccoli Peppers

Green beans Vegetable stir fry

Pre-packed salad

Processed Vegetables

Canned tomatoes Canned baked beans
Canned sweetcorn Canned pulses

Frozen pre-prepared vegetables Frozen peas

Fresh Fruit

Dessert apples Bananas



Pears Lemon Strawberries Grapes

Oranges Small oranges

Avocado pears Plums
Kiwi fruit Grapefruit
Melon Blueberries
Pineapple Raspberries

Fresh fruit snacking pot

Processed Fruit

Canned fruit Salted/roasted peanuts

Dried fruit Frozen berries

Other Foods

Yorkshire puddings Ready cooked meals

Various sauces - eg tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, pickle

Other convenience foods - eg chilled pizzas, dehydrated noodles/pasta

Soup Dried herbs

Vegetarian burger/grills Meat free sausages

Vegetable crisps Quiche

Ice cream Sunflower/pumpkin seeds

Protein powder

Catering

Restaurant Meals

Restaurant main course Restaurant sweet course

Restaurant cup of coffee Pub hot meal In store cafeteria meal Fruit juice

Fizzy drinks Bottled mineral water

On board catering Muffin

Canteen Meals

Staff restaurant main course Staff restaurant hot snack

School meals

Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips Cooked pastry based savoury snack

Burger in bun Kebab

Chicken and chips Ethnic take-away

Pizza delivery/take-away Sandwich Cinema popcorn Crisps



Hot drink Soft drink

Alcoholic Drink

Beer On Sales

Draught bitter Draught lager
Draught/bottled cider Bottled lager

Beer Off Sales

Canned lager Canned bitter

Bottled lager Canned stout

Bottled flavoured cider Canned apple cider

Bottled speciality beer/ale

Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky Vodka
Gin Wine
Mixer Liqueurs

Wines and Spirits Off Sales

Whisky Vodka Brandy Rum

Gin Cream liqueur
White wine Red wine
Rose wine Fortified wine
Sparkling wine Champagne

Pre-mixed spirit drink

Tobacco

Cigarettes

Selected brands Electronic cigarette refills/liquids

Other Tobacco

Cigars Hand rolling tobacco

Housing

Rent

Private furnished and unfurnished rent

Registered Social Landlord (RSL) rent

Local authority rent

Mortgage Interest Payments

Average interest payments (estimated/modelled)



Depreciation

Depreciation costs proxy (smoothed house price index)

Council Tax and Rates

Average council tax bills for households in Great Britain

Average rates bills in Northern Ireland

Water and Other Charges

Average water charges

Average sewerage and environmental charges

Repairs and Maintenance Charges

Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators

Do-It-Yourself Materials

Ready mixed filler Wallpaper

Varnish Paint - gloss/emulsion

Paint brush Woodscrews
Power drill Screwdriver
Ceramic tiles Shower head
Medium density fibreboard (MDF) Door handle

Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner

Dwelling Insurance and Ground Rent

Dwelling insurance premiums

Ground rent proxy (smoothed house price index)

Fuel and Light

Coal and Solid Fuels

Smokeless fuel

Electricity

Average of the electricity companies' tariffs

Gas

Average of the gas companies' tariffs

Oil and Other Fuels

Butane gas Kerosene



Household Goods

Furniture

Dining furniture - eg table, chairs

Bedroom furniture - eg wardrobe, bed, mattress, chest of drawers Living room furniture - eg armchair, settees, bookcase, table lamp

Kitchen furniture - various kitchen units Office furniture - home office desk

Outdoor furniture - patio set

Baby/children's furniture - high chair

Furnishings

Selected carpets Rug
Luxury vinyl tile flooring Towels

Curtains Fabric roller blind
Duvet Duvet cover

Bed sheet

Electrical Appliances

Electric cooker Washing machine
Fridge/freezer Dishwasher
Vacuum cleaner Telephone

Smartphone handset Security/surveillance camera

Selected small appliances - eg iron, kettle, heater, electric fan, air fryer

Personal appliances - eg electric razor, electric hair straighteners/tongs, electric toothbrush

Other Household Equipment

Gas cooker Gas fire
Kitchen equipment - pans, scissors, plastic food container

Tableware - dinner plate, cutlery set

Glassware - tumbler

Household Consumables

Washing liquid/gel Fabric conditioner
Washing-up liquid Dishwasher tablets
Kitchen roll Aluminium foil

Toilet roll Antibacterial surface wipes

Household cleaner cream/liquid Bleach

Light bulb Smart/WiFi light bulb

Battery Bin liners

Greeting card Wrapping paper Inkjet cartridge Printer paper



Clear sticky tape Ballpoint pen

Pet Care

Cat and dog food, and dog treats Wild bird seed Small pet - eg hamster Animal cage

Dog kennel boarding fees Annual booster injection

Pet collar

Household Services

Postage

Letter handling services Parcel delivery services

Telephone Charges

Fixed line telephone charges

Cost of directory enquiries

Mobile phone charges

Mobile phone applications

Subscription to the internet Bundled communication services

Domestic Services

Domestic cleaner fees In home care assistants' fees

Childminder fees Nanny fees

Playgroup fees Window cleaning fees
Dry-cleaning charges Driving lesson fees

Home delivery charges

Self-storage fees

Various electrical equipment repair charges - eg washing machine, PC

Cost of catering for a function

Charge for home removals

Electrical service charges

washing machine, PC

Watch battery replacement

Men's clothing hire

Fees and Subscriptions

Trade union and professional organisation subscriptions

Estate agents' fees Charge for home buyers' survey
House conveyancing fees Surveyors' fee for house valuation

Home contents insurance premiums Pet insurance
Fee for birth and death certificates Marriage licences

Passport fees Various bank charges – eg for bankers draft

Money transfer fees Credit card fees

Private school fees UK university tuition fees

Evening classes Solicitors' fees - including will drafting

Dating agency fees Cost of basic funeral/cremation

Driving test fees Nursery fees

Mortgage arrangement fees Household services maintenance policy



Charges for advertisements in newspapers

Clothing and Footwear

Men's Outerwear

Coat Casual Jacket

Trousers - formal, casual Formal jacket/blazer

JumperJeansVarious shirtsT shirtsLoungewear bottomsShorts

Tracksuit bottoms Branded sports sweatshirt

Replica football team shirt

Women's Outerwear

Blouse Skirt - formal, casual Dress Trousers - formal, casual

Jeans Leggings
Tops T shirt
Cardigan Jumper
Sweatshirt Shorts

Coat Jacket - formal, casual Rainwear Exercise leggings

Swimwear

Children's Outerwear

Schoolwear - trousers, skirt

Jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan

Jeans

Jacket

Girl's leggings

Infant's dress

Fashion top

T shirt

Trousers

Girl's leggings

Baby's sleepsuit

Other Clothing

Underwear - eg pants and bra Man's base layer top

Tights Socks

Nightwear - eg nightdress/pyjamas Knitting wool Man's tie Lady's scarf

Hat/cap Sports bra/crop top

Man's belt

Footwear

Shoes - formal, school, casual and fashion Boots - formal, fashion and walking/hiking boots



Training shoes Sandals

Personal Goods and Services

Personal Articles

Umbrella Handbag Watch Smartwatch

Contact lenses Spectacle frames with lens

Flower vase Picture/photo frame
Wall hanging mirror Mobile phone accessory
Re-usable bottle/mug Luggage - trolley case

Various items of personal jewellery - solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings,

fashion earrings, fashion necklace

Chemists' Goods

NHS prescription charges Multi-vitamins tablets
Condoms Sanitary towels

Disposable nappies Tissues
Baby wipes Toothbrush

Self-tanning products

Selected medicines and surgical goods - indigestion tablets, pain killers, cold/flu drink powders, plasters, allergy tablets, cough liquid

Toiletries - toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, hair conditioner, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap

Various cosmetics - face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, lip gloss, nail varnish,

body moisturising lotion

Personal Services

Hairdressing charges

Subscriptions to private medical plans

Private surgery fees

Private dental examination

NHS dental charges

Dental insurance Residential and nursing home fees

Non NHS medical services - physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine Slimming club fees Flower delivery

Motoring Expenditure

Purchase of Motor Vehicles

New petrol/diesel cars

New electric/hybrid cars

Second-hand petrol cars

Second-hand diesel cars

Motorcycles E-bike

Caravans

Maintenance of Motor Vehicles



Car service Labour charge for vehicle repairs

Exhaust fitting in fast fit auto centre Wheel alignment in fast fit auto centre

Roadside recovery services Car wash

MOT test fees

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, tyres, bulbs

Petrol and Oil

Ultra low sulphur petrol Ultra low sulphur diesel

Motor oil

Vehicle Tax and Insurance

Vehicle excise duty

Vehicle insurance

Fares and Other Travel Costs

Rail Fares

National rail fares by ticket type, for example, peak, off-peak and advance

London transport fares Other underground/metro fares

Euro Tunnel fares

Bus and Coach Fares

Bus fares Coach fares

Other Travel Costs

Taxi fares Minicab fares
Self-drive car and van hire charges Road tolls

Car park charges Airport parking charges

Child's car seat Push chair

Air fares Various ferry and sea fares

Leisure Goods

Audio-Visual Equipment

Televisions DVD/Blu-ray disc player
Digital media player Digital (DAB) radio
Portable digital music player Portable speakers
Headphones Smart speaker
PCs - desktop and laptop PC peripherals

Tablet computer Printer

Soundbar

CDs and Tapes



CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet

Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet

Pre-recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet

Recordable CD Vinyl music

Music downloads Computer software

Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods

Various toys - soft toys, construction toys, model cars, activity toys, dolls, electronic

educational toys

Board game Card game
Child's sit and ride toy Child's scooter

Computer games, by platform, and including games purchased over the internet

Computer game downloads Computer games console

Computer game accessory Interchangeable lens digital camera

Action camera Digital photo processing

SD card USB stick
Barbecue Sleeping bag

Craft/hobby kits for adults and children Jigsaw

Acoustic guitar

Sports equipment - golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots, hand weights

Water sports equipment - eg windsurfing equipment

Books and Newspapers

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books

eBooks Periodicals

National daily newspapers Sunday newspapers

Provincial newspapers

Gardening Products

Compost Plant food
Lawnmower Garden spade

Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the

internet

Leisure Services

Television Licences and Rentals

Digital television subscriptions Rental of various types of television

Television licence

DVD rental/video on demand subscription services

Entertainment and Other Recreation

Fees for leisure evening classes Charges for exercise classes



Private health club/gym membership Livery charges
Ten-pin bowling session Golf green fees

Games consoles online subscription services Music streaming subscriptions

Soft play session Climbing wall session

Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, football matches, horse racing, historic monuments, swimming pools and other attractions

Foreign Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays

Holiday insurance

UK Holidays

Youth Hostel Association

UK holidays covering a range of accommodation and holiday types